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Dear members of the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology,

In my Letter from the Editor in this edition of the SCN Newsletter (and previous email), you will find a statement that I now realize is off the mark and I regret:

“Relatively speaking, the transition to 2019’s new CPT codes for neuropsychological testing has caused minimal distress,”

In stating this, my intent was to recognize and appreciate the work of Drs. Puente and Pliskin, the IOPC, the APA Practice Directorate, and others for their efforts to educate, inform, and prepare us (i.e., clinical neuropsychologists) on how to use the new codes.

Like many of you, I am fully aware that psychologists and neuropsychologists, including our own SCN members, are facing many challenges with the release and implementation of the new codes. In response, APA, SCN and other neuropsychology membership organizations are working to mitigate the negative impact of the codes and restore our practices to “higher ground” again.

I regret that my statement over-simplified the situation, and I appreciate those trusted colleagues who pointed out the short-sightedness of my statement.

Please accept my regrets and apologies,

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